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WHO'S WHO IN HOUSTON

Dr. J. L. Gross is pastor of the First Baptist church, and welcomed the convention in a fervent speech, and was rewarded by being made vice-president.

President J. L. Johnson, of the Woman's College, was made a member of the committee to report next year on the advisability of a Southern education board. Prof. E. Godbold, of Louisiana, was also made a member of the committee.

One of the vice-presidents was our own J. C. Hardy, who is sometimes called "Reverend" in Texas, where he is at the head of Belton College, one of the biggest schools for girls in the South. He looks as happy as ever, and grows under hard work.

Immediately in front of the congregation on the speaker's desk, in letters of white by day and light by night was the one word—"silence." At the rear of the room and immediately in front of the speakers was the word—"louder." Both were needed and probably helpful.

The convention sermon was preached by Dr. J. W. Porter, pastor at Lexington, Ky., and editor of the Western Recorder. There was no doubt of its being a Baptist sermon and showed the "wherein." It was good to be there and hear a man speak out of the book and out of his heart. May his tribe increase.

It is Professor L. P. Leavell now, since the trustees of the seminary elected him as associate professor of Sunday School pedagogy. He is to give four months in the year to this work, from February to May. He has proven his qualifications by the test of several years' work and will be another representative of Mississippi in the seminary faculty.

Of course President Burrows was re-elected. The brethren had thought of no one else, and he is deserving of the esteem of the convention for his faithful service through thirty-four years as secretary and many years as statistician. At the beginning he was looking—no, not thin—but thinner and pale, but his color returned, his humor revived and something of the former sharpness was gone.

Dr. T. B. Ray rose to state that the attitude of the Foreign Mission Board with reference to participating in a union school in China was simply an inquiry to find out what the wish of the convention is, but before he finished he was making a plea for the union school. It was evident that the sentiment of the convention was against it, but the matter was referred to a committee to report next year.

Sunday we saw a brother in a public place, reared back smoking a cigar, and reading the Sunday paper. This was forgotten till we heard him make at night an assault with intent to preach. He wandered around in a mazy wilderness for forty-five minutes, without any apparent objective. He was a very prominent brother, and was expected to say something, but he seems not to have made the necessary preparation.

SOMETHING ELECTRICAL.

It was quite evident that there was electricity in the air at Houston. That this was due in any degree to meeting in Texas is very doubtful. Conditions may be very favorable in that State to producing electrical disturbances, but the same results would have been found anywhere, for they have been forming for a good while. Electricity is generated by friction, and if memory is not at fault, it is sometimes produced by the revolution of wheels or discs turning in opposite directions; sometimes by a combination of currents and clouds. All of these things have been apparent in the convention for a few years back. Such things may be a necessity and a blessing, or they may be destructive, or they may be both. It all depends on whether the Lord is in charge of the lightning.

We have had opposite tendencies in the convention which were bound sooner or later to produce atmospheric disturbances. There has been the centripetal or tangential force of interdenominational affiliation, or federation. Along with this there have been the perhaps unconscious but none the less powerful gravitation toward centralization or the putting of responsibility into the hands of the few, and the opposite trend to distribution of power or preserving it to the masses of the people. These things were bound to result in thunder and lightning which may be psychological but are far from imaginary.

These results are not only necessary, but may be very salutary. Electrical storms may be dangerous, but they serve to clarify and purify the air. And we doubt not great good will come of this convention which crackled occasionally. Some people are powerfully afraid of wind and lightning, but it takes wind to run wind mills and carry the commerce of the world; and we are entirely dependent on lightning, for most that the world knows today is transmitted by electricity.

The lightning was in evidence more than once. It was seen in the discussion of the report of the committee on efficiency, in the report of the foreign mission committee which recommended a union school in China, and in the work of the nominating committee, which named the secretaries of the boards. Hitherto, brethren had been restrained by courtesy that was in danger of becoming timidity, and by a fear of harming the work. But these sentiments had been abused to the injury of the very things they were designed to protect and there was a feeling that the time for silence had passed. That some things were said not in the best way was evident, but it is a very difficult task to say some things in the right way, that it is very difficult to make the average man understand if the most urbane and diplomatic phraseology is employed. It is not likely that we are past the period of disturbances in our meetings, indeed we may be rather at its beginning, for the dust must be settled about some matters about which people have been quietly thinking. May it also result in spiritual refreshing and showers of blessing.

Mississippi had a much larger delegation than any other state except Texas. And if we had counted those who were born in Mississippi, but fell from grace, we might have beat Texas.

Secretary O. F. Gregory was re-elected for the thirty-sixth time, and H. C. Moore for the second time. This is an office which requires ability and training, and these men have made good in the estimation of the whole convention.

Brother Sparkman, pastor of the Tuam avenue church, is a typical Texan, big body, a full head of hair, ruddy countenance, strident voice, and aggressive manner. He made a good "stage manager," telling the crowd what to do and what not to do.

Houston has the biggest hotels of probably any business city of its size in the South. The Rice hotel was headquarters. It is named for the family of the man who gave fifteen or twenty millions to build and endow a college by his name in Houston. This is one of the richest institutions of learning in the United States.

Dr. E. C. Dargan preached one hour and a half on Sunday at Houston, and we didn't see anybody getting restless. His text was, "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name given whereby men must be saved." He spoke of salvation defined, salvation possible, and salvation only in one way. It was evident from the "amens" that the people enjoyed "sound doctrine."

Many thought the efficiency commission came out about where it went in a year ago, if not two years ago. That does not mean that nothing has been accomplished, for in the mind of some that may have been the place to come out; though of that there is abundance difference of opinion. It may be also that people have been started or helped in their thinking. It is certain that they are not through with their thinking. There may be several "thinks" coming. There were in the minds of some brethren two things lacking—first, the committee ought to have been composed more largely of men not directly identified with the boards, and, second, there ought to have been more open discussion of the work which the committee was doing. This is in no sense a reflection on the ability or integrity of the men composing the committee. They are as wise and good men as we know, but their very position is evidence of the fact that the present plans were what they conceived to be the best; if not they would have had changes made before. The representatives of the boards are by virtue of their office an efficiency committee, and either we did not need any other or it needed to be differently constituted. Originally this writer was not favorable to such a commission, but if it was necessary, they should have had a different angle of vision. There was nothing better proposed than the report of the commission, and the convention seemed to be weary of the matter and so refused the suggestion that another committee be appointed to further consider the question.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

HOUSTON, TEXAS, MAY 12-17

By MARTIN BALL

Every train brings in large numbers of messengers. The large hotel facilities of Houston are amply meeting the demands. The large auditorium is centrally located and is said to have a seating capacity of 3,500. Mottoes from the various boards decorate the walls. Some of them read, "There never has been a more significant movement among Southern Baptists than the teacher training work of our Sunday School Board," "Teacher Training—See how it grows. Diplomas 1910, 1,674; 1915, 28,576; Blue Seal, 1910, 27; 1915, 2,086." Home Mission Board receipts by states: Texas first, \$71,302; Georgia, \$37,646; Kentucky, \$36,845; Virginia, \$42,824; Mississippi is seventh, \$24,118. "Unity is valuable, but it can never be so valuable as truth and honesty." "Our glory: A constituency created; our goal: A constituency cultivated." "3689 houseless Baptist churches demand at once the million-dollar building fund." "Christ for our country; our country for Christ." "Christianity's supreme task in America—to spiritualize a commercial age." "The need of the world is the call of God; we need the Judson spirit for our task." "If God writes opportunity on one side of open doors, He writes responsibility on the other." Foreign Mission Board receipts, 1914-15: Texas, \$87,538.88; Virginia, \$13,695.59; Georgia, \$53,287.46; Kentucky, \$51,056.48; Mississippi is seventh, \$31,425.92. Total, \$537,073.66. Total to home missions, \$381,685. "272 houseless churches in Mississippi." "Our great evangelism has brought great enlistment needs! We rejoice in growing pains! And gird for the new task!" "For every dollar you give away to convert the heathen abroad, God gives you ten dollars' worth of purpose to deal with your heathen at home."

R. H. Coleman led the song service prior to the opening of the convention. The Home Board quartet rendered an excellent piece of music.

Dr. Lansing Burrows, president of the convention, called the convention to order and announced, "How Firm a Foundation" as the song, styling it, "the old convention hymn." The song was entered into with great zeal and a mighty volume of praise went up to the God of all grace. Dr. A. J. Holt, of Florida, who is now attending the convention for the forty-first consecutive session, led the devotions, reading Rom. 12. M. H. Wolfe, of Texas, nominated Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Georgia, to succeed himself as president. The secretary was authorized to cast the ballot of the convention for B. C. Henning, North Carolina; Jno. C. Hardy, Texas; J. L. Gross, Texas; and P. C. Barton, of Arkansas, for vice-presidents. R. H. Coleman, of Texas, cast the ballot for O. F. Gregory, and Hight C. Moore for secretaries.

The lobbies about the auditorium and the hotels are electric with interest concerning the report of the committee on efficiency. The committee has maintained profound silence as to the contents of their report. It has in some way leaked out that the question would be thrown back on the convention. If it does there will be some lively talking. But all feel that the consideration will be in the most fraternal nature. The report will come up tomorrow.

A tentative program was presented by O. L. Halley, of Texas, chairman of the committee on order of business.

The welcome address was made by Dr. J. L. Gross, pastor of the First church, Houston. Bubbling over with the hospitality of the West, Dr. Gross said in part:

"Our welcome, while as hearty as we know

how to make it, is not so much in words as it is in our hearts and in ministries for your comfort and efficiency. We do not seek your comfort so much for comfort's sake, but that you may be better fitted to serve. As we understand it, comfort for its own sake does not have much of a place in the workings of the kingdom, but cross-bearing and joyous service are the high words in that realm.

"We are buoyantly hopeful that during your stay with us you will learn to share with us in certain very useful information. For instance: For a long time we have known, because it has been our great joy to prove it several times, that it was no further from Richmond to Houston than it is from Houston to Richmond. Indeed, in highest reality, it is a little nearer from Richmond to Houston than it is from Houston to Richmond. You will agree to this when you stop to think what Houston is.

"However, it would not be quite modest on our part or fitting to consume your precious time in telling you of the charms of the city whose joy it is to receive you as her honored guests—in telling you of her greatness and spirit in which are mingled the dignity and poise of the east and the charms, heroism and romance of the west. All these things and more, we trust, you will see, experience and enjoy for yourselves.

"We are also anxious for you, some of you, perhaps, for the first time, to share with us, to the fullest, the wonderful charm of the beginning of the West. That marvelous indescribable something which so mightily appeals to the romantic, the heroic and the best within us. It must be felt to be appreciated. It can not be described but an attempt has been made thus:

"Out where the hand clasps a little stronger,
Out where a smile dwells a little longer;
That's where the West begins.
Out where the sun is a little brighter,
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter.

"We welcome you because of what you are, a mighty throng of noble, and to use a phrase of President Wilson, forward looking Christian men with possibly the largest hope and broadest outlook and mightiest spirit of any similar body of men upon the face of the earth today. You are struggling to make conduct keep pace with conscience, character with profession, and deed with word. Works not words count in the realm where you live. Therefore, from the depths of our hearts we welcome you for what you are doing, for the noble contributions you are now making to the uplift and benefit of mankind."

Dr. Gross introduced Mayor Campbell, of Houston, who followed up the address of Dr. Gross and still further extended the freedom of the city and offered his assistance in any way possible to make the stay of the visitors pleasant. He said in part:

"While in Houston we want you to know that you are in a true Southern city with a great big bunch of Christians of your own denomination," he said.

"Houston has entertained many conventions, political conventions and conventions of other kinds, but she has entertained none more appreciated by the people of the city than the Southern Baptist Convention."

The whole freedom of the city was given to the delegates. They were made welcome to all its institutions, and all its privileges. They were bid to "take anything they liked," and if they

didn't see what they wanted, were told to ask for it. Mayor Campbell's remarks were met with applause from the audience when he had finished, and Dr. Burrows declared that although hand-clapping was against the rules of the convention, he couldn't censure the delegates from breaking over in response to the address of Mr. Campbell.

The president requested Dr. B. F. Riley, former pastor of the First church, of Houston, but now of Alabama, to respond. In a very happy way he conveyed to the city of Houston and the Baptists of Texas the appreciation had for them by the convention as a whole.

The first sermon ever preached in Houston was by Z. N. Morrell, a Baptist minister, who stood on the foundation of the unfinished First church building and holding up the way to Christ, said, "Oh, yes, come. Buy wine and milk without money and without price." Dr. A. J. Holt, of Florida, knew him well. The reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the Sunday School Board, the W. M. U. and the efficiency committee were read. Appropriate committees were appointed on each one of these reports.

Dr. Z. T. Cody, of South Carolina, led in prayer for the blessings of God on Miss Heck in her severe illness.

Dr. J. W. Porter, of Lexington, Ky., editor of the Western Recorder, delivered the annual sermon. He took as a text, "I am debtor." Subject, "The Baptist Debt to the World." In the introduction he gave a beautiful tribute to the late Dr. B. H. Carroll, whom the preacher pronounced one who had done more for the Baptists of Texas than any other one man.

The mission of Baptists is conformity to the commission of Christ. He announced as the first principle of Baptist theology the duty to preach. We owe to the dying world a great debt and that debt must be discharged. We must choose between theology and sociology, the first of which relates to God and the second of which relates to man. It is ours to lead men to God. Much is said about Baptist leadership. We need not so much leadership as we need comprehensive discipleship. It is the duty of the Baptists to give a pure gospel to the world.

In the heart of the commission is to be found education. Call it what we may, Christian education or denominational education, it is indispensable. Our chief difficulty has lain in the direction of scholasticism.

Baptist differences are more sacred to Baptists than alien agreement. The Baptist debt to the world is presented in the commission. This commission holds several demands for Baptists.

1. It obligates them to a pure gospel. We need to return to the power of preaching the gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation. Other things may be helpful but can never take the place of preaching. Christ does take the place of the sinner but nobody can take the place of Christ. There are only two kinds of theology. One glorifies Christ and the other glorifies man. A man who is saved believes in saving others.

2. Baptists owe to the world a debt of teaching or the educational debt. Education is a force—a factor—and an instrument in carrying out the commission. If Baptists owe a debt of teaching it must be paid in Scriptural coin.

3. The debt and the duty of baptism. Baptists do not believe in baptismal regeneration but in a rejuvenated Baptist for baptism.

How is this debt to be paid? We need a stewardship not only of a dollar but the steward-

ship of doctrine and service. A stewardship of faith. Preach the whole gospel. Deliver me from a fragmentary Bible and a fractional gospel. Do not adapt the gospel to the century, but bring the century back to the gospel. Preach the gospel to the whole world. To compromise any of these commands is to sacrifice.

For more than an hour the fervid and eloquent preacher urged these several propositions with unequivocal adherence to Baptist principles, and in a discourse that glittered with axiom, proverb, gems of poetry and apt Scriptural quotation, he held the rapt attention of the immense audience that packed both the body and the galleries of the large auditorium.

Near the close of the sermon an indirect allusion was made to President Wilson as the great Christian executive, when the large audience, in seeming forgetfulness of the occasion, broke forth in wild applause.

The convention adjourned. Prayer was offered by Dr. George W. Truett, of Texas.

Thursday—Morning Session.

The convention was led in song by R. H. Coleman, of Texas. They sang, "We Praise Thee, O God," and "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior." Prayer was offered by John F. Purser, of Georgia.

Geo. W. Norton, of Kentucky, was reelected treasurer of the convention, and W. P. Harvey, of Kentucky, auditor.

Mississippi has double the number of every state except Texas. The secretary announced that words of condolence and sympathy had been sent to Miss Heck, and referred to Col. 1:3-6 and Num. 6:25-27.

Report of the Commission on Efficiency.

Only a few of the important recommendations can be presented in this report. During the convention year the commission has held two meetings. The questions before the commission were carefully and at length considered and discussed. The commission is in hearty sympathy with the good spirit of those who favor changes, even far-reaching, in our methods and policies, though not agreeing to all the changes proposed, and having carefully considered and fairly weighed the arguments adduced for such changes, presented its conclusions to the convention in the following statements and recommendations in part:

1. That the Sunday School Board, in the interest of efficiency, should not be combined under the same management with either or both of the other general boards, or be otherwise related to them than it is at present. This conclusion does not seem to require any formal statement of reasons as the combination of the Sunday School Board with any other has not been seriously proposed by any.

2. As to consolidating the Home and Foreign Boards, your commission has given the matter very extended and serious consideration, after having suggestions by letter and otherwise from all parts of the convention territory. But after canvassing the matter thoroughly, a vast majority of your commission do not think it would be wise or expedient to consolidate the two boards, either now or in the future. One member of the commission thinks the consolidation would be both wise and expedient, provided a sufficient degree of unity of sentiment among our people could be secured for the change. This member, however, does not feel that now is the time for any radical changes in our denominational machinery. There is absolute unanimity in the commission in the belief that a radical change in the methods of administration involving fundamental and strongly antagonistic opinions would be exceedingly hurtful to the great interests of the convention. It will be far better to leave the machinery of administration substantially as it is rather than take divisive and hurtful action looking to radical changes. What growth or changes in denominational sentiment may take place in the future none of us can foretell. This we can only trust to God and the brethren. But we are entirely at one in the view that until substantial unity of opinion is

attained among us on so important a matter the consolidation of the Home and Foreign Boards be not recommended.

3. We would urge all these state members who can do so to attend any or all of the regular meetings of the boards. In order that their name may more accurately define the duties and privileges of these state representatives, now known as vice-presidents, we recommend that the constitution and by-laws be so changed that they shall be called state members or managers instead of vice-presidents.

4. We recommend that the constitution and by-laws be so amended as to require that no secretary or other paid employee of any board shall be a member of the board.

5. In regard to the proposed consolidation of the Home Field and the Foreign Mission Journal into one magazine, we beg to report that much is to be said in favor of such a combination, and that the experience of other missionary bodies who are trying this plan seems favorable to the measure. On the other hand, there are practical difficulties in the way, and we do not deem it wise to recommend immediate action. We, therefore, recommend that the boards of the convention be instructed carefully to consider this matter in all its bearings, confer with each other, with the Woman's Missionary Union and the laymen.

6. With regard to economy in the number and salaries of secretaries, we desire to emphasize the fact that the convention itself has charged the board with responsibility for creating all missionary field agencies and for fixing all salaries and other expenses of administration. This implies, as we desire urgently to enforce, the obligation of the boards to practice a wise economy and prudent direction of mission funds. On the other hand, the convention should not encourage any discontent with present plans that would reduce or impair the work of the boards in reaching and enlisting all our churches in their work. The largest and by far the most hopeful work now before us, and looking to the future efficiency of our people, is the enlistment and training of the great numbers of inactive Southern Baptists. To economize on this vast and hopeful undertaking at this juncture of our affairs would be to practice inexcusable waste. The unifying and developing of all our people is our supreme intra-denominational task. Money wisely spent on the accomplishment of this task is money spent where it will do the most good.

7. Southern Baptists are now in a serious situation. They must go forward bravely or go backward. Our opportunities are practically limitless. Our resources are very great. We are growing in every way; in numbers by tens of thousands; in intelligence, in wealth and in unity. If we increase in gifts during the next decade, as we have in the last, we shall be giving millions for home and foreign missions every year, and gifts to all other denominational interests will increase proportionately. To halt now would be to stagnate the currents of progress indefinitely. It is not to be thought of. The situation ought to call us to our highest endeavors. The world waits for the Baptist message.

The report closes with a suggestion that this is the best day Baptists have seen during the long centuries of suffering and waiting. The world is weary of spiritual and political oppression. Baptists have the message of liberty for the enthralled, oppressed multitudes of earth. With all of our schools active centers of denominational life and unity, with our denominational press enkindled by missionary and educational zeal, with Sunday Schools and young people's societies, true to the churches and their divine mission, with a new high note for progress sounded out from every pulpit, with the spirit of a sound mind pervading all our intra-denominational discussions, we may joyfully hope for such progress as has never been witnessed in the history of Baptists anywhere since the first centuries. Your commission joyfully believes that there are no practical difficulties in the way

of the broadest and most generous co-operation in an effort to enlist the multitudes for service in the holy war to which we are peculiarly called in these times.

The report was signed by the members of the commission.

The report of the commission was adopted after a lengthy discussion.

While the efficiency commission was under consideration, there was much electricity in the air. Every member of the convention was anxious about the interests involved. A great debt of \$121,000 hanging over the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. "Every well managed business enterprise in the country has one master mind," said J. F. Brownlow, of Tennessee. "You know when you have twenty-four or twenty-five managers, each drawing a salary of from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year, you are going to have war." Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, a member of the efficiency commission, defended the report. All voices hushed when he arose. He said, among other things:

"I think the report is an affirmative one. It affirms that the convention plans are now succeeding—keep that in your mind—they are now succeeding. The talk of Brother Brownlow reminds me of the story of a hunter who, being very short of ammunition, shot a 'coon from the top of a tall tree. The coon fell to the ground with a terrific thud, and the hunter soliloquized: I needn't have wasted that shot; the fall would have killed the 'coon! "

"There has always been among us those who have given their energy to the contemplation of the expense account without looking at the results accomplished. You cannot run religious business like a bank, or like a government. When you rush business into religion, you rush religion out.

"There is not a great business man nor a banker today that is running his business as economically as the Southern Baptist Convention. True it is we are spending \$75,000 per year to run this business, but we are bringing in \$1,000,000 each year. Let your mind remain on that a little while. We are bringing in \$1,000,000 each year at a less per centage of outlay than was the case twenty-five years ago. Our receipts have increased 300 per cent in twenty-five years.

"This report points to the future. I want you to get these facts. The convention is growing phenomenally. We don't want to do any foolish things. If we maintain the ratio of our progress in a few years we will be the most masterly body on earth. Most of the troubles of this world are psychological. There is no friction in Texas between the boards. There is only co-operation and mutual help here. In my judgment we had better proceed like we are."

F. C. McConnell, of Georgia, spoke in defense of the report, which he said he had signed under protest, but favored harmonious action and urged those present to adopt the report as it stood.

Dr. C. C. Carroll, of Winchester, Ky., made a vigorous defense of the report, in which he reviewed the history of the organization and the great accomplishments. He said it would be a reflection on the convention for the report to go out that the mission money was being extravagantly expended on salaries for secretaries when such was not the case.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Kentucky, a member of the commission, remarked that the separation of the disbursing and collecting agencies would be a separation of vision and passion on the one side from the practical end on the other hand. To enforce any administrative change on the membership, he said, would cripple the work.

J. F. Love, of Richmond, Va., home secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and a signer of the efficiency report, said an investigation into all the Foreign Mission Boards of America con-

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EDITORIAL.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The first session of the Southern Sociological Congress was held Saturday night in the large room of the "Auditorium" in which the Southern Baptist Convention will be held. There was a good attendance of members from over the territory and citizens of Houston. There was a particularly large attendance of colored people who were assigned places in the galleries. In the absence of Governor Mann, of Virginia, Governor Cunningham presided. Mayor Campbell delivered the address of welcome in which he gave assurance of sympathy with the health campaign. Dr. Salvador Ortega, M. D., official delegate of the president of Guatemala, was introduced and read a paper on health relations between the two republics. It was in Spanish and read in a low tone, so that we could not say the "Amen" when he concluded. It seemed humorous from the way many smiled. He had listened to a good deal of talk in English from the others, and it was only just that he should have his revenge. However, it was interpreted by another reader and proved to be a very interesting report on how Guatemala had exterminated small pox and was dealing with yellow fever, bilious plague and some minor contagious diseases.

The principal address of the evening was by Dr. Cunningham, who kept the crowd in a good humor with his wit and taught them many things needed for conservation of health. His subject was "The War on Disease." He showed how some things could only be settled by war. He said that from 25 to 50 per cent of tuberculosis in children is gotten from infected cows' milk, and from 7 to 10 per cent of it in grown people from the same source. Also that to eliminate hookworm would be to increase the potency of the South 25 per cent. A person who would come into a home and destroy life as the preventable disease germs would be instantly lynched, but we do but little comparatively to kill the murderer who comes in the form of a fly or mosquito or hookworm. Some of the mottoes on the walls are particularly pithy—such as the following:

The Solid South for a Better Nation.

One Baby Dies Every Two Minutes in Your Land.

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God Never Meant for Children to Die.
The Biggest Fight—Disease and Religion.
The Prize—Life.

Typhoid, Malaria, Hookworm—Not Diseases But Crimes.

The Doctors Reproach, the City's Unpardonable Sin—Preventable Disease.

Preventable Diseases in the South Equal Two Lusitanias a Week.

Disease Draws No Color Line.

The New Chivalry—Health.

The doctors are taking great interest in this congress, as they do in all altruistic work. I have wished all my friends among the physicians were here.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

At the meeting of the Sociological Congress, Sunday night, Dr. S. Z. Baten spoke on the work of the good Samaritan, who, he says, today looks after the robbers as well as the injured man. We are to prevent the boys from becoming robbers. Jesus was interested in people, not separating them into soul and body. The church is the continuing Christ. Healing is a part of the church's ministry and without it we are discredited before the world. Today our duty is to look for causes. The causes of disease are: (1) Ignorance, which is a crime; (2) vices, especially alcoholism and venereal disease. In one hospital in New York City there were six times as many cases of venereal diseases as of all other contagious and infectious diseases. (3) Another source of disease is fatigue, which poisons the body. (4) A fourth is filth, which is a community crime, producing typhoid and summer complaint. The laws of health are the laws of God and are as sacred as any other of God's commands. Dr. Baten illustrated the looking for causes as a sign of sanity by the practice of shutting up a new patient in a room and turning on the water. If he simply tries to bail out the water, he is hopelessly insane. If he looks for the hydrant to cut the water off, there is hope for him.

Dr. Harris spoke of the "Need of an Adequate National Department of Health." He said that 114,000 cases of malaria were reported in Mississippi last year.

A resolution was introduced to recommend to legislators the consideration of laws to prevent the reproduction of the unfit. A telegram was sent to President Wilson expressing gratitude for the self-restraint and courage he has exhibited, and a prayer was offered for him and his advisors in this time of severe trial in the conduct of matters affecting our relationship to other nations. Senor Orsuna, a representative of the Caranza government in Mexico, read a paper showing how the nations could co-operate in suppressing disease. He favored also the Monroe doctrine for mutual protection. Dr. Dressler spoke of the need of hygienic and sanitary instruction in the schools as distinguished from the teaching of physiology.

Several needs in the country are a safe and abundant water supply, sanitary toilets, fresh air, sunshine, rest and good food for the prevention of disease.

While a good many negroes have regularly

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attended the congress, and some are members, Monday night brought out a great throng of them in the galleries. There was a great speech by Dr. Roman, from a negro medical college in Nashville, on "The Negro Woman and Health;" a good address by Dr. Weatherford on "Our Duty to the Negro;" a helpful address by Mr. Cox, of the National Board of Censors, New York, on "Safeguarding Amusements." Dr. Brooks, of Baylor University, was re-elected president. The Vanderbilt quartet has furnished choice music throughout the convention. They know how to make good selections, always religious, and sing excellently. The negro quartet, from Plainview College, sang two nights and were several times called back. The Boy Scouts, in uniform, have acted as ushers, and have done their work charmingly.

The many friends of Dr. W. D. Nowlin in Mississippi will be glad to hear of his great success at Knoxville, Tenn. Sunday, May 2nd, the Deaderick avenue church, of which he is pastor, reached high water mark. The Sunday School attendance was 1,846. They also formally opened the auditorium of their new building which seats more than 3,000. Dr. Len G. Broughton delivered the address. The new building is one of the handsomest and largest in the South.

Brother W. E. Fendley, of Geneva, Ala., writes: "Our meeting closed April 28th, Rev. Preston Blake, D. D., of Birmingham, doing the preaching. The results were five received by letter and twenty-two for baptism; six joined the Methodist church, all of whom are to be immersed. We have received ninety into the church since coming here ten months ago. Fifty-three have been by baptism."

The Galloway Memorial Methodist church in Jackson will probably be completed this summer and will be one of the handsomest in the South, including rooms for any form of church, Sunday School, women's and young people's work. It is of beautiful buff brick and has the finest Greek columns in the State. It bears the name of their bishop, whom they delight to honor. Credit for the erection of so good a building is due largely to the generosity and ability of Major Millsaps.

We want to call especial attention to the advertisement of Ralph Connor's latest book, "The Patrol of the Sun Dance Trail," on page 16 of this issue. Ralph Connor has written many stories of worth, among them "Black Rock," "The Man From Glengary" and "The Doctor" stand out. This new book ought to be read by every one who loves the open places and a strong man. We do.

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THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE TITHE.

The New Testament, while it contains the laws of the new covenant, is not essentially a book of laws. It is primarily a book of principles, and yet it must be admitted that under the operation of the principles of the gospel, which are in essence gospel laws, the obligations and duties of the religious life are made more binding and exacting. The heart of the New Testament teaching is, "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price." This bill of sale of the soul gives the viewpoint from which we are to begin in the study of giving under the gospel economy.

The Condition Confronted.

With the growth of Christianity, as the number of believers increased and the field of operations broadened, the necessity arose for instruction and council in matters of faith and practice. The Holy Spirit had provided for this situation by appointing in the church prophets, pastors and teachers (Eph. 4:11-13). This is the divine side of church history. But these functions could not be exercised to the edification of the church unless those who are divinely called to the work of instruction are supported by the church. It is here that we confront the human side of church history.

It will be seen at once that this situation created a condition under the new economy similar to that which had existed under the old. Under the old economy God had resorted to the law of the tithe as the best method for meeting the financial needs of His kingdom. The question which we confront in the new dispensation is, what plan has God selected, or has He selected any plan at all, for financing the kingdom?

The Law Enunciated by Paul.

In First Corinthians (9:3-14) Paul enunciates the law by which the new order is to be financed. "Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel." Paul here declares that Christ has ordered the support of those who preach the gospel on the same grounds that the Levites received support, namely, for their ministry in holy things. And unless it can be shown that the law of the tithe has been repealed in the New Testament, then it follows also that Paul intends to teach the method of support as well as the grounds of it. As God ordained under the Old Testament, so Christ ordained under the New. Here, then, is the gospel plan of financial support, and not in I Cor. 16:2, where the manner of taking a special and large free-will offering for the Lord's poor is laid down.

Is the Law Repealed in the New Testament?

It is a fundamental fact in jurisprudence that a law once enacted and put into operation by a competent authority remains in force until repealed by a competent authority. No one denies that the law of the tithe was enacted and put into operation by a competent authority. It was a fundamental law from the remotest antiquity. It received judicial sanction on Mount Sinai. Hence it must remain in force until repealed. Does the New Testament repeal it?

The New Testament does not repeal the Old. Christ did not come to blot out the law, but to fulfil it. Every law which He did not complete; which He did not render unnecessary by the changed conditions produced by His redemptive work is still in force. Did He render the law of the tithe unnecessary? Surely not. This law does not find its obligation in the Mosaic law, as shown, but derives its origin from our own moral natures. So long as there is a system of divine religion in the world, God's people will be under obligation to support it, and so long as this obligation lasts there will be need for the law of the tithe, which is God's method of support.

In the New Testament the tithe is mentioned seven times, three times by Christ (Matt. 23:23; Luke 11:42; 18:12), and four times in the seventh chapter of Hebrews. Christ, in commenting on the practice of tithing, said, "This ye ought to have done." I challenge any one to find so strong an endorsement of the law of the Sabbath as this is of the law of the tithe. To say the least that can be said, there is no repeal of the law here. In Hebrews the writer is referring to Melchisedec and comparing his priesthood to the priesthood of Christ. The reference would go to show the existence of the law of the tithe under the new dispensation rather than to infer that the law had been repealed. I lay the challenge down to the world to produce one single statement or any set of statements in the New Testament which would show that the law of the tithe had been repealed.

I believe that it can be shown that every reference to the fundamental question of church finance in the New Testament is only strengthened and made more vitally real by presupposing the existence of the law of the tithe. Take Christ's famous statement, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's," and with the law of the tithe in mind, as it must ever have been with the Jew when reference was made to things due God, and you have a real picture of a definite thing to do. Take Paul's statement, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," and with the law of the tithe as a background there is not a man of them who would not know definitely what

to do. And so it is with every other Scripture.

An Apparent Exception.

In II Cor. 9:7 we have an apparent exception. Paul there enjoins them to give "as they have purposed in their hearts." It would seem that the standard so far as the amount one is to give is not enjoined by any external statute but by the internal feelings of the giver. This exception, however, vanishes when we read the whole passage. Paul is giving instruction concerning a special offering for the poor. In God's economy there are "tithes and offerings." The tithe is what we owe; the offering is what we give. One is an expression of debt, the other of gratitude. The difference is that between paying and giving. God fixes the amount we owe Him, but He leaves us to fix the amount we will give Him. Paul is talking about a gift to the poor and not the payment of the tithe. Hence this passage cannot be taken in any way as affecting the law of the tithe.

The Practical Application.

The conclusion, if this is God's method, should be the absolute solution of the financial problem when the law is religiously applied. And this would be the result if the law of the tithe were obeyed by our people.

Suppose our people believed God and were willing to trust Him in this matter, and were to render unto Him His tenth, what would be the result? Let us figure just a little. The government reports place the average income of every man, woman and child in the United States at \$171.60 per year. One-tenth of this would be \$17.60. This, multiplied by the 2,218,911 Baptists found in the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention would give the fabulous sum of \$39,052,846.60. Deducting from this amount \$9,474,777.07, the amount given last year to all objects outside of missions, and we would have left \$29,568,069.53 left for missions. This would give to each of the sixteen states co-operating with the convention one million apiece for state missions and then there would be left to each of the mission boards for home and foreign missions the splendid sum of \$7,734,034.76. Is there any financial scheme ever suggested by any one which has the promise of better things than this? Then why should we be afraid to urge this law upon our people any more than we are afraid to urge the law of the Sabbath? The law of the tithe has a more sure backing in New Testament teaching than has the law of the Sabbath.

I close with two observations. First, it is easy to lead people to do something definite. The law of the tithe offers something definite. It provides the amount—one-tenth; it stipulates the time—weekly. By proper training, our people can be led to observe this law as well as to keep the Lord's day.

In the second place I have yet to find one man who gives as much as the tenth that is opposed to the tithe. I have yet to find one man who opposes the tithe that gives as much as a tenth. There is food for thought here while we prepare to think on how this thing can be put into operation.

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vinces him that the board is operating on a more economical basis than any of them.

"Reduce each board to its original function in the denomination and you have further economy," he said.

The question of secretaries' salaries — the query having been asked, "Why is it that some secretaries get more salary in this work than they could earn elsewhere?" — precipitated a lively debate.

"The poorest economy in the world is destruction; confidence in your brethren, the economy of construction—they are the answers," the speaker concluded.

A. J. Barton, of Waco, urged the convention to take no action calculated to suspend the missionary boards' activities for one year. It was his opinion that a fair chance should be given the directors and officials for the next season, leaving their work unhampered.

Report of the Woman's Missionary Union to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The union has during the past two years been even more closely identified than usual with each state so far as it has had several commissions on efficiency, the membership of each being composed of a representative from each state. The idea of the Graded Missionary Union is that all the boys and girls under twelve years of age in a given church shall be gathered together in a Sunbeam Band, which in turn may be made up of a number of groups even as in the beginners', primary and junior departments of the Sunday School there are many classes and that, as far as possible, they shall have the same teachers for their mission group as they have in the Sunday School work but meeting at a time quite distinct from that of the Sunday School; that similarly all the boys of the intermediate age in the church shall belong to the Royal Ambassador Chapter, while the girls of that age are grouped in the Girls' Auxiliary; that the young women shall constitute the Young Woman's Auxiliary; and the adult women the Woman's Missionary Society. We recognize the Sunday School as the accepted department of the church for the systematic teaching of God's Word; the B. Y. P. U. as the means of training for church membership in general; and the Graded Missionary Union as the logical place for the training of all the women and children of the church for adequate missionary service. The union will welcome the day when the Laymen's Missionary Movement will officially accept the high privilege of training the young men and boys over twelve, leaving to our tutelage only the children under twelve and all the girls, young women and matrons. It is stimulating to know that in four of our states there is a total of 106 churches having the full graded missionary system. The report closes with mention of the contributions during the year.

Contributions.

Foreign missions	\$164,869.62
Home missions	103,926.34
Cash boxes	11,742.05
Sunday School Board	1,765.71
Margaret Funds	13.60
Training School Expenses	3,599.50
Enlargement	23,957.61
Scholarships	5,227.98

Total \$315,102.41

Miss Fannie E. S. Heck will again be made president of the Union in spite of her request that her name be not presented by the nominating committee. Mrs. F. S. Davis, head of the Union in Texas moved that the name of Miss Heck be returned by the nominating committee.

The motion was made following the reading of Miss Heck's "farewell message" to the Union. Mrs. Davis read the message. There was scar-

cely a woman in the building who was not in tears at the conclusion of the reading.

Another tribute was paid to the woman who has led the Woman's Missionary Union for so many years. At the conclusion of her appreciation of the work of Miss Heck, Mrs. Julian P. Thomas presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Resolved, that we will keep the Union, God helping us, in that noble spirit of service which never forgets its one purpose of showing the world there is but one thing—the love of Christ.

"That to do this we will keep out of it every ignoble purpose or plan that could mar the beautiful harmony and oneness of our work.

"That, as individuals we will strive to realize and to attain that ideal which she had in her heart for the Union.

"That of the amount raised the coming year for the enlargement fund of the training school, we will set aside \$15,000 to build the chapel in the greater training school in honor of and gratitude for this great life given to the service of God and of the Union."

In connection with the report on Woman's Work these resolutions will be of interest:

The following telegram was sent to President Woodrow Wilson by the convention after a prayer had been offered for him by J. B. Cranfill of Dallas:

"The Southern Baptist Convention, representing 2,500,000 Baptists, desires to place on record its appreciation of the great service to the nation and the world now being rendered by the president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, in the firm stand he has taken for the ideals of peace and at the same time in his vigorous assertion of the principles of justice and the requirements of international law.

"We rejoice in the restraint, the discrimination, the judicial fairness and the courage with which he is steering the ship of state in a time of extraordinary difficulty and danger. We desire to express our unwavering confidence in him as the exponent of our national ideals of the higher civilization of the world and also to assure him of our profound sympathy and prayers in the solution of the delicate problems and performance of the arduous tasks in which he is now engaged."

Resolved that the secretary of this convention be instructed to telegraph these resolutions to President Wilson.

T. J. Searcy, member of the National Baptist Convention (colored), who was present to attend a conference with a committee on the Negro Theological Seminary, was called upon for a speech. The negro mounted the rostrum and delivered a very able address which was tinged with considerable humor.

Henry Lewis, colored, was called upon for a solo contribution, which he did with a wonderfully strong and effective voice. The negro sang again at the evening session.

Thursday—Afternoon Session.

The devotions were conducted by Robert Jolly, of Texas. The audience sang with much interest, "How Firm a Foundation," "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," and "Amazing Grace." Dr. L. O. Dawson, of Georgia, led in prayer.

The consideration of the Home Board report was entered into with much zeal and due consideration given to every practical feature.

The committee presented the report on Home Board work. The reports of the board and of the committee were considered together.

Report of Home Mission Board.

The work of this board began seventy years ago with the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention. A glorious history we have had. The report speaks of the consternation into which the world was thrown by the European war and its effects upon the finances of the country. There followed naturally a drop in the finances. The board at once deemed it wise to economize and reduce expenses at every point possible. Far beyond any previous year's record the evangelists have had a harvest of souls truly inspiring. The

enlistment work has been pressed with increasing wisdom, gained by experience, and unabated zeal on the part of the workers. The church extension work has also made gratifying progress during the year.

Among the foreigners, Indians and Negroes the board has continued to press the work on the lines hitherto prosecuted. Our mission schools among the foreigners in El Paso and Tampa have been doing better work than ever before.

Scores of Baptist boys and girls among the Indians have been given wholesome instruction, and we look with great favor upon that feature of the work. The Pawnee Mission has been in a state of revival for months and the influence has gone out to the neighboring tribe of the Otoes.

Among the Negroes we continue our co-operation with the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, some lingering new era work and special institute and teachers' work.

The mountain school work has been doubly blessed during the year. The spiritual atmosphere has been of the finest type.

In Cuba the work is more solid and fuller of encouragement than at any time in the history of that mission. The idea of self-support has been pressed and appreciated by our Cuban brethren.

This year the great Panama canal has been completed and thousands of workers have retired. There are still some twenty or thirty thousand workmen there and a permanent population of considerable dimensions will be necessary for the protection and maintenance of the canal. We have missions at the important points along the canal and especially at the termini at Colon and Balboa Heights.

For the first three months of the year receipts were most gratifying, and we had high hopes of steady improvement throughout the year. But the great war in Europe which we cannot keep out of mind befell us in midsummer and all our calculations were upset.

The board has cheerfully contributed our part toward the expenses of the executive committee and we are profoundly convinced that this work ought to be pressed with all vigor.

Dr. A. C. Cree, for two years secretary of our enlistment work, has been led to accept the secretaryship of the Baptist Georgia Board of missions. He has rendered most excellent and efficient service and our board parts with him with regret. The matter of his successor has been left entirely to the board.

The co-operative work in various states last year, exclusive of the Negro work, resulted in 21,513 baptisms. The state bodies expended in this effort \$331,230, while the Home Board expended \$127,876. The Home Board contribution to the Negro work was one-half of the amount of the support of the missionaries, and one-half the results are credited to the board. Keeping these facts in mind, the following tabular statement is interesting:

Baptisms creditable to Home Board in state co-operation	6,023
Baptisms creditable to Home Board in Negro co-operation	1,723
Cuba and Panama baptisms	284
Mountain school baptisms	394
Evangelism baptisms	12,673

Total baptisms creditable directly to Home Missions 21,067

In Mississippi the board has assisted in the support of eighty-one co-operative white missionaries; they supplied 204 churches, preached 6,724 sermons, baptized 1,555 converts and received into churches by baptism and otherwise 2,615 members; they constituted fourteen new churches, built and improved fourteen houses of worship, organized twenty-six Sunday Schools and distributed 361 Bibles and Testaments. (In addition to the above work the board assisted in the support of three enlistment field workers, and four Negro missionaries in Mississippi.)

The Cuban work has progressed nicely in all departments.

Among the Churches.—The work has progressed. No new churches have been organized during the year, but all have been strengthened and some new stations have been opened adjacent to other work. A resident missionary has been placed in Guane, Pinar del Rio Province. This town has been attended heretofore by occasional visits from a near-by town. It is the important center of a large country district.

A summary of the work during the year would be as follows: Preaching services, 2,238; prayer meetings, 1,090; religious visits, 10,172; baptized, 168; received by letter, 26; total membership at present, 1,962; tracts distributed (pages), 165,400; Bibles and portions distributed, 1,485.

Schools.—The enrollment in the Cuban American College has been less than for several years, due undoubtedly to the financial crisis of the present year. The work done, however, has been more satisfactory than usual. A new school has been founded in Santa Clara. The enrollment has been small, but the prospects for the future are good. Six other schools of a primary character have been operated during the year. The total enrollment of the eight schools has been 330. With the exception of Havana we have put very little into these schools, and we cannot expect the returns from the smaller ones to be great. The educational question is one of our great problems, and is worthy of very much more attention than we have been able to give it. We should not be satisfied till there is a good school in all our principal fields.

Attention is called to the fact that this vital work of evangelism, in which more than 12,000 souls were led to Jesus by our staff and more than 17,000 members were added to our Baptist churches and more than 1,300 young men and women volunteered for the ministry or mission work, was accomplished this year, with a net outlay of \$17,522.02. Could that amount be spent in any other work upon the face of the globe, where its kingdom worth would count for more? This has been achieved in a year of almost unparalleled financial uncertainty and depression. The work could be made self-supporting, if we accepted invitations for meetings only to the larger churches and mission points. To do this, however, would defeat one of the chief reasons for the existence of the department of evangelism. Our work in this line is unique. It is impressing other denominations. Some are already girding themselves for work along similar lines. They can see the distinct advantage of team work. The wisdom of the campaign feature of our work was strikingly illustrated recently. The other denominations of the city held meetings at the same date as ours. They had faithful, eloquent and efficient preachers; but their meetings were merely simultaneous. They did not have a campaign such as we hold. Our men did the shop and factory work; the preaching in the schools and colleges; they held all the theater and street meetings; and they did all the work that was done among the Negroes of the city.

We touched every phase of life in the city and had 1,200 additions to our churches. The other denominations touched only their local churches and together had but 300 additions. Our campaign resulted not only in enshrining Christianity in many hearts but in enshrining Christianity as interpreted by Baptist teaching and methods.

At the close of our Baltimore campaign the Methodist ministers invited the secretary of evangelism to address them on the method of our work. They took the matter up with their bishop, in the hope that a similar movement should be inaugurated among themselves.

At the close of our Richmond campaign there appeared in a daily paper a striking editorial on our work. We quote one paragraph: "In a measure this series of meetings was a novelty to Richmond. We have had co-operative meetings, both denominational and interdenominational,

and we have had simultaneous services of a like character in a large number of our churches; but never have we had on so large a scale a concerted spiritual effort to the same high end under the direction of a group of trained ministers representing the same denomination. The success of the plan should commend it to all the denominations of the South."

No one can measure the far-reaching results of the work among the 10,000,000 Negroes in our midst. During each city campaign we organize the work among the colored churches on similar lines to that among the white churches. Three thousand were added to Negro churches as a result of the faithful work of Evangelist J. W. Bailey.

The Mexican work is being greatly blessed. Baptists are fortunate in having in charge of it as superintendent, the loyal and devoted C. D. Daniel. But the needs are far greater than the activities we have been until now putting forth to meet them. In fifteen border counties in Texas the Mexican population predominates, but our Baptist missionary activities are barely touching five per cent of them.

One may see in the Texas Mexicans the finished product of Roman Catholicism. In Mexico they have been under the priesthood for many hundreds of years. The result is much superstition and illiteracy. But these people are receptive of the gospel of Christ, and Southern Baptists have the greatest opportunity to reach them. Our work ought to be much enlarged.

Our school work among the Mexicans is doing great good. However, there is a lack of facilities for educating the native Mexicans who are almost exclusively the pastors of the Mexican churches. This lack is being lessened by a Mexican Bible Institute held by our brethren in Texas each summer. This institute is taught by some of our most gifted men, and great good is being accomplished. This cannot, however, entirely supply the needs of a larger training for the Mexican preachers.

Besides the school for Mexicans at El Paso, maintained by the Home Mission Board, excellent work is being done by Texas Baptists in similar schools for the Mexicans at Waco, Austin, San Marcos and Laredo. These four schools have a total of seven teachers and 280 students. The teaching in the Waco school is done largely by the Baptist women of that city without pay, though one woman teacher is employed.

The nations of the Western world are coming closer together, our own country leading in this great movement for closer relations on the part of the republics of this hemisphere. We face the Latin-American republics from the Rio Grande to Argentina and by as much of our commercial and business relations are immediately to be more closely related to these other republics, by so much must we be ready to seize the opportunity for extending our great work. This material prosperity presents one of the most serious impediments to our religious progress. Commercialism, materialism and worldliness grow apace. There is danger lest they beguile us from loyalty to our Lord. Our riches will be our ruin when Mammon becomes our master and the only safety against the tide of materialism and worldliness that threatens to overwhelm us is a counter-current of consecration and loyalty to our Christ.

With such a glorious history of conquest, with present forces and resources so commanding, and with a future so inviting, it would be worse than folly for us to stand still. So, with devout thanksgiving to God for the great work He has permitted us to do, let us address ourselves to the future with unwavering hope and courage.

The Home Board, with far-seeing visions, is doing its utmost to prepare our churches and through them the nation for this high task. This is not only our bounden duty, but our rich opportunity for reaching the nations of the whole earth. The secretary of the Home Board once thought of being a foreign missionary. He was hindered in this to be providentially prepared for his present position in which he has become

one of the greatest foreign missionaries on earth.

"The Home Mission Board is not only a great evangelistic and educative force, but it has a patriotic task, calling for statesmanship of the highest degree. This has always been true, but it is doubly so now. America, with breaking heart, is looking on the tragedy of the ages, expecting and expected to give her hand to maimed and wounded humanity when all is over, and to open her home to multitudes who will seek here a refuge from staggering debt, and mayhap, God help them, from starvation itself.

"Through the workers directed by him and his advisers, he is reaching thousands of foreigners here and through them reaching thousands of others who will never see our shores. As a single instance, there are about 575,000 Mexicans within the bounds of this convention, 4,000 of them being between the Rio Grande and this beautiful city where we meet today. To evangelize these would be not only to save them, but it would mean as well the redemption of their unhappy and storm-swept republic from political chaos and religious night.

"Side by side with the soldiers of the nation now stretched along the frontier of a thousand miles would be an army of soldiers of the cross, costing less, doing more and solving ultimately those vexing problems which hitherto have been the despair of both diplomacy and force.

"The policy of the board in stressing the work of training Baptist colored ministry.

"We do not minimize the evangelistic work done among the colored people," the report said, "but their pastors and teachers are to be their leaders, and only through them can we reach a situation that otherwise seems hopeless."

Speaking of work in Latin America, the report read: "The approaching conference of Latin-American cities next February calls special attention to and accentuates the importance of our work in both Cuba and in Panama."

The Rev. D. M. Cooper, of Detroit, visiting in Houston, addressed the convention late today, declaring Southern Baptists must increase their home mission work now to be prepared for the flood of foreign immigration after the close of the European war. Much of this immigration, he said, would come to the South.

"Baptists in the North," he said, "are finding that foreign immigration has enlarged the problem of home mission work for millions come from abroad and settle in the Northern States, who know nothing of our faith and less of our government. We must teach them to know both," he concluded.

A large number of speakers followed each other in rapid succession in the afternoon session, each urging that the home mission work go forward, many stressing the need for Baptist missionaries to work among the 400,000 Mexicans in Southern Texas.

The Rev. Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, of Richmond, Va., made the principal address on home missions, and stressed the need for an increase in the fund for aiding Baptist communities to build churches. He outlined the work being done by the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and by other denominations in this direction.

"While I have no patience with the Prussian military spirit," he said, "I want to urge Southern Baptists to go forward with the spirit which animates Germany."

The report of the treasurer at the morning session was adopted and George W. Norton, of Louisville, Ky., and William P. Harvey, of Harrodsburg, Ky., the treasurer and auditor of the convention, were re-elected.

The convention was also addressed by T. J. Searcy, chairman of the educational board of the National Baptist Convention, colored.

The report of a committee on the report of the Woman's Missionary Union, short inspirational talks by leading Baptist ministers and singing of sacred songs were the features of Thursday evening's meeting of the convention.

The report of the committee on the report of the Woman's Missionary Union, which was read

by Dr. Allen Fort, of Nashville, attracted much interest, showing, as it did, the advances made by the women's organization during the past year.

Mr. Bouldine, formerly a Catholic priest, but now a Baptist evangelist, made a talk in Spanish, which was interpreted by Dr. Daniels.

The singing of the Texas orphans' jubilee colored female quartet was a feature much enjoyed, which came at the close of the evening program. Several typical negro songs were sung with characteristic negro ability.

Friday morning opened fair and bright. The large auditorium was well filled. Robt. Coleman led the music, singing "At the Cross," "Pass Me Not, Oh Gentle Savior." Brother L. R. Burress, of Arkansas, read II Cor. 2:3 and offered an unctious prayer.

The committee on apportionment reported. Mississippi is asked to give during the next conventional year for foreign missions \$35,000, home missions \$25,000.

Friday afternoon session was very stormy. Robt. Jolly, of Texas, sang, "Nothing Between." The singing of the convention was led by R. H. Coleman, singing "God Will Take Care of You." H. W. Virgin, of Virginia, led in prayer. The supplementary report of the efficiency commission was read. Two points were heatedly discussed: Who shall elect the corresponding secretaries of our boards? The convention was authorized to elect the secretaries, after the nominating committee had reported, and in the interim and in case of death, or any disability, the board elects.

The report of the committee on the Negro Theological Seminary urged an appropriation of \$50,000 for the establishment of a negro theological seminary and suggesting that it be located in Memphis, Tenn. The negro theological seminary committee made its report into the open meeting Friday morning.

The report was followed by some discussion, principally conducted by the negro leaders of the Baptist churches who as a unit requested that the seminary be founded at Memphis.

Sutton E. Griggs, colored, of Tennessee, made a talk that made a profound impression and was the only speaker of the day who won any applause. His talk was intensely loyal to the South and its white leaders in every sphere of action. He spoke of slavery and said it had proved a blessing for the negro, for it was there that he got his language, his knowledge of industry and his religion, and it was there that the Southern white leaders had learned how to command. He spoke as one proud of his race and of his white friends. He urged that the school be located at Memphis. The report was adopted.

Asheville, N. C., was selected as the meeting place for the convention in 1916, May 17. Dr. C. W. Daniels, of Atlanta, Ga., to preach the convention sermon. S. J. Porter, of Texas, was elected alternate. Dr. P. I. Lipsey, our splendid editor, was chairman of this committee.

Report of Foreign Mission Board.

The board made its report in the spirit of heaviness. Dr. Willingham is gone. A picture of the home where his boyhood was spent and the church which he joined when he was converted was presented in the printed report. The report shows that Mississippi has fifty-four associations, 1,508 churches, 790 preachers, 159,187 members, \$31,425.92 raised. The total given by all the churches was \$537,073.66, during this year, against \$537,458.97 last year.

The board has received the following payments on bequests during the year. From the Lou Red estate, Demopolis, Ala., \$277.26; from the B. E. Garvey estate, Owenton, Ky., \$1,500; from the legacy of Mrs. Judith J. Du Puy, of Water Valley, Miss., \$500; from the estate of Major C. T. Cheek, Nashville, Tenn., \$1,000.

A number of other legacies have been reported during the year, but as nothing has been received on them, they are not mentioned here. Has not the time come when large numbers of our people should remember the Foreign Mis-

sion Board in their wills? A large part of the income of many mission boards is received from such sources.

Perhaps even a better plan is for our people who can afford to do so, to give money to the Foreign Mission Board on the annuity plan while the donor is still living. By this plan the donor is exempt from all expenses of insurance, repairs, agents' fees, and so on, and yet has a reasonable income from the money during his life. At his death the money then goes to the cause for which he intended it without any question. Any one interested in the annuity plan can get full information by writing the corresponding secretary of the board.

The Judson Centennial has witnessed another year of successful progress. We have raised, in cash and pledges, to date \$939,077.99. Of this sum, \$356,203.58 was raised during the year. The report says:

"We register here, with profound thankfulness, our gratitude to Mr. Rockefeller for his munificent gift of one hundred thousand dollars. Not only do we appreciate his gift, but we esteem highly his brotherly attitude to us while he had the advisability of making the gift under consideration. We, furthermore, wish to express our appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the brethren associated with Mr. Rockefeller, upon whom fell the burden of investigating the merits of our request. To all of these brethren are we deeply grateful, and, above all, to our Heavenly Father whose Spirit we are profoundly convinced has led us throughout the entire transaction.

1. Our first need is the current fund. It will take \$725,000 during the coming year to meet the demands of the work we have already launched, provide for the indebtedness and send out the minimum number of new workers. This fund, because it is an ever recurring demand, may not possess the novelty of new undertakings, but it maintains the first place in importance. The glamour of new conquests may have passed from it, but the glory of achievement, obtained through sacrifice, rests upon it. The history it represents and the hopes it inspires should hold us to its steady support. In proportion as we make provision for it, do we strengthen or weaken our cause. The current fund is our first obligation.

2. Little is said in the following discussion about the material needs. We expect to complete the Judson Centennial fund, and when this is done, it will, to a large degree, take care of the immediate important needs for material equipment. Nothing is more necessary for our work than the completion of this Judson Centennial fund. We must have the entire amount or else our work will be seriously embarrassed. With the entire amount, our work will be increased in efficiency several fold.

3. Try to realize, as far as possible, that the most stupendous fact about foreign mission effort today is its urgency. The world has really waked up. Eyes are open everywhere. The spirit of inquiry is found in every corner of the globe. The golden moment for really large effort has arrived. The situation in all nations is extraordinary. Nothing but extraordinary effort will meet it.

The board sent out the following new missionaries:

CHINA.

Name and State. Appointed. Location. Sailed.
Mrs. Wilson Fleider (Texas)—July 15, 1914—Kalfeng—Sept. 8, 1914.
Miss Olive Elliott Bagby (Va.)—July 15, 1914—Sochow—Feb. 23, 1915.
Rev. David Bryan (Ala.)—May 14, 1914—Chefoo—Dec. 1, 1914.
Mrs. Mildred Thorne Bryan (Ala.)—July 15, 1914—Chefoo—Dec. 1, 1914.
Rev. W. D. King (La.)—May 14, 1914—Kwellin—Feb. 15, 1915.
Mrs. Kate Pye King (Ark.)—July 15, 1914—Kwellin—Feb. 15, 1915.
Rev. C. P. Morris (Texas)—March 3, 1914—Yingtak—Feb. 15, 1915.

Mrs. Zollie Dickenson Morris (Texas)—March 3, 1914—Yingtak—Feb. 15, 1915.
Miss Margie Shumate (Va.)—June 16, 1914—Shiu Hing—Feb. 15, 1915.
Mrs. Sophie Starke Willis (Ky.)—Dec. 8, 1914—Shanghai—Feb. 23, 1915.
Dr. A. W. Yocum (Va.)—May 14, 1914—Pingtu—Sept. 26, 1914.
Mrs. Daisy Disney Yocum (Md.)—July 15, 1914—July 15, 1914—Pingtu—Sept. 26, 1914.

BRAZIL.

Rev. L. W. Langston (S. C.)—May 14, 1914—Sao Paulo—Nov. 28, 1914.
Mrs. Marjory Quattlebaum Langston (S. C.)—Oct. 5, 1914—Sao Paulo—Nov. 28, 1914.
Rev. John Mein (England)—May 14, 1914—Rio—July 28, 1914.
Mrs. Elizabeth Fellsenfeld Mein (Mich.)—May 14, 1914—Rio—July 28, 1914.
Miss Ruth Randall (Mich.)—July 15, 1914—Rio—Nov. 28, 1914.
Rev. S. L. Watson (S. C.)—May 14, 1914—Rio—June 27, 1914.
Mrs. Annie Miller Watson (S. C.)—June 16, 1914—Rio—June 27, 1914.
Rev. M. G. White (S. C.)—May 14, 1914—Bahal—Nov. 28, 1914.
Mrs. Kate Cox White (Iowa)—July 15, 1914—Bahal—Nov. 28, 1914.

AFRICA.

Rev. G. W. Sadler (Va.)—May 14, 1914—Oyo—July 16, 1914.

Foreign Mission Report.

The report on the report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by Livingston Johnson, of North Carolina, as follows:

We join heartily with the board in urging that "the foreign mission work of the convention should be enlarged and a new standard of support for it be fixed" by regular systematic giving just as rapidly as the circumstances will permit. We call special attention to the board's report on this feature.

We recommend that the Judson Centennial campaign be extended until May, 1916.

We recommend that the board be authorized to take full share in "the Shanghai American School for the Children of Missionaries." It should be clearly understood by the board that the recommendation commits the convention in no sense to the policy of co-operation with other denominations in educational work on our mission fields. The recommendation is made purely in the interest of missionaries because of the inadequate facilities on the foreign field for the education of their children.

The board proposes, and this is heartily recommended by your committee, that "all proper safeguards would be made in agreement," and we would reserve the right to withdraw after suitable notice, in case it should be developed that we could not co-operate in the enterprise without compromising some principle.

The Judson Campaign.

The Judson Centennial committee report was read by George W. Truett, of Dallas. The report was a review of untoward financial conditions superinduced by the European war and the committee asked for another year in which to complete the desired fund of \$1,250,000.

The committee reported that it had collected in cash and pledges the sum of \$959,077.99 toward the fund and with the goal just in sight asked for one year more in which to complete the work.

The report was adopted.

Some life was injected into the body when the committee on the report of the Foreign Mission Board recommended the appropriation of \$1,000 a year for the support of a school in China for the education of the children of missionaries. The proposition was for Baptists to unite with the Presbyterians, Methodists, Camp-

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Message to the Woman's Missionary Union from Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, President for Fifteen Years.

I saw a great company of women going down to the banks of a great river, and among them was one who was to go across. The river was very broad and deep, but they went with her all the way, even to the very edge, and some went so far as to almost go in with her. As she stepped down into the water they watched her very earnestly, and while they looked, she who had been very, very weak seemed to gain strength. As they gazed steadfastly upon her, they saw that the water, instead of pulling her down, seemed rather to bear her up on its waves. And looking yet more earnestly they saw that she was not alone but that One was with her upon whom she leaned.

Looking beyond on the other shore they saw a very great multitude—a great number of women, and some of them they knew. And beyond was a great city. As she went up out of the water this company of women took her into their midst and she passed into the city out of sight, and they saw her no more. And the women who had gone with her all the way, even down to the water's edge, slowly turned away and went back to their homes. As they went they talked earnestly with each other, saying: "We never knew it was thus. We had been told, but we did not understand. Why have we spent our time in idleness and trifling when we might have been busy in the service of our King?" And as they held their children in their arms, they lamented, saying, "We have cheated our children. We have not trained them as we should, and the small things of life have seemed important to us, when we might have been occupied with the great things of the world. What a loss is ours! We thought we gave much and did great things and we did not know how little and insignificant were these things; we did not know the privilege that was ours. We did not know there is but one thing in all the world—the love of Christ."

Looking upon that great company of women going down to the banks of the great river I send you greetings, my sisters, dearly beloved and longed for. By a thousand signs which I cannot doubt you have shown, that you love me. Looking back over the long period since our united service began, my

association with you, our mutual affection and our joyful triumph in a cause dear to all our hearts stand out as one of the chief joys of my life.

As is known to you, I have been ill in a hospital for nine months. Here your messages of love and your prayers have followed me, soothing and brightening my days and finding grateful memory in my heart. Hard as it is for me to form the words, grieved as I know your hearts will be—I can never hope to be with you again. But, beloved, I do not say this to cause you tears. Let us rather rejoice and offer thanks for the years of our loving association and dream together once more of your future, which today is in my prayers. Looking back, who of you would, for any price, erase from your memory those frequent mountain tops of praise, when the past year having been filled with service, we laid our gift on the altar and

"Heaven came down
Our souls to greet,
And glory crowned
The mercy seat!"

I can see your faces now shining with tears of joy, as I have seen them often in the past. I can hear your voices ring as I have heard them ring with praise until they seemed to mingle with an Invisible Choir. I can feel your hand-clasp as of old, warm with our love to our Master. These have been the indissoluble bonds of our Union. Since this is so, I do not fear to leave you. I can dream of your future with a trusting heart. Changes will come; new faces take the place of old; new and broader plans succeed those of today; but our beloved Union is safe in our Master's care.

See to it, only, that you listen to His voice and follow only where Christ leads:—

Be gentle in your personal lives, faithful and shining.

Be joyful, knowing His purposes are good, not evil, to his children.

Be prayerful in your planning.

Be patient and persistent in your fulfillment.

Endeavor to see the needs of the world from God's standpoint.

Plan not for the year but for the years.

Think long thoughts.

Strive for the conversion of those around you as faithfully as for the heathen.

Train the children for world-wide service.

Lead the young women gently in places of joyous responsibility.

Bring all your powers into the best service of the best King.

Thus shall your work abide and be abundantly blessed of God to your own joy and the joy of the world. In the belief that you will continue to adorn the doctrine of service I bid you, dear friends, farewell. The God whom we love and serve will keep His own in love and peace and finally through His great love wherewith He hath loved us bring us all rejoicing into His presence above. Most earnestly I pray—God be with you till we meet again!

FANNIE E. S. HECK.

Hygeia Hospital, Richmond, Va., April 20, 1915.

By request of Miss Heck, her beautiful message was read to the Union by Mrs. F. S. Davis, president of Texas B. W. M. U. It was received by the body standing.

At the conclusion of the reading, two stanzas of "How Firm a Foundation" was sung.

Mrs. Davis then asked permission to make an "unusual" motion, which came from her own heart, spontaneously and without consultation with any other.

"That as Miss Heck had seen the great body of women go with her all the way; that we go in reality as a body, and name her as our president."

This motion was unanimously carried by a rising vote, voicing the feeling of the Union that whether in the body or absent her gracious spirit is still leading us on.

Our secretary-editor of this page is absent this week, spending a short period after the great convention with relatives in Texas. It is a comfort to the lesser luminary, to whom she left her work, of shining for the paper, that, like the sun, she leaves a radiance and light that continues even after her departure. We are pleased to be able to produce Miss Lackey's metrical offering at the W. M. U. luncheon at Houston on May 15th.

One of the pleasant and helpful features of the meeting at Houston was the mission study class of hundreds of mission workers, in which Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery's "The King's Highway," was the text book. Following the stages of a recent journey by the author of "Western Women in Eastern Lands," through the missionary centers of the far East, one learned of present-day conditions in Egypt, India, Burma, China, Korea and Japan. Many mission classes at home upon this first book will doubtless be the immediate outcome of its study in Houston.

A Mary Anderson Meeting.

On Thursday, April 29, the ladies of Gallman and community were entertained by Mrs. J. W. Parsons, a member of the Gallman W. M. U. We had a very interesting program on our work in China, emphasis being on Miss Mary Anderson's school. Each one was asked to contribute ten cents, the amount to be used for the purchase of the dear little book, "Keep My Money." Enough was received to pay for three books, which are to be passed around and read, after which they are to be given to some members whom the society wished to honor with a little remembrance. I merely mention this that other societies may be induced to help, in some way, to sell the book, and thus help in a great cause.

Yours in the work,

Mrs. D. W. McLeod.

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Variety in Prayer Meeting, by William T. Ward, published by The Methodist Book Concern; price, 50 cents.

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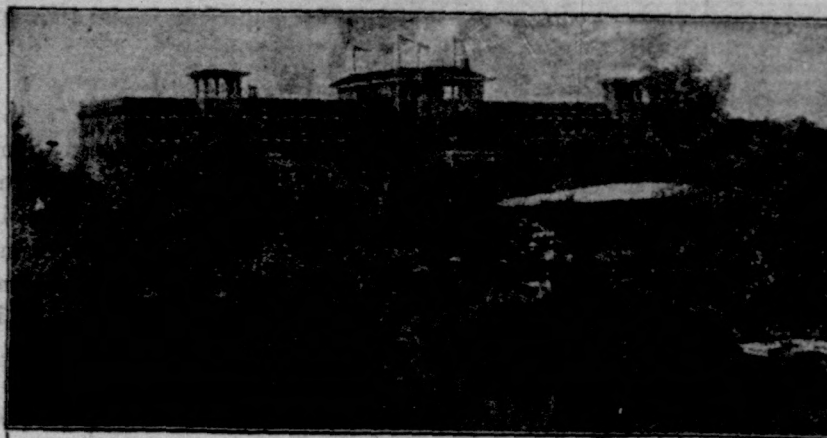
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Mothers and Children, by Dorothy Canfield Fisher, published by Henry Holt & Co.; price, \$1.25.

Much is being written these days on the training of children, for we are awakening to the fact that child training is a profession and one that should be studied. There was an idea that with the child came the proper enlightenment of the mother but this is a dead theory. Of the many books that we have reviewed on this subject, not one has contained more helpful suggestions and wise theories than this one by this prominent writer. The world is laying a great responsibility on the mothers of the land in holding them responsible for the characters of its citizens and this author has undertaken to give some assistance to mothers in a discussion of the subject that is very interesting and very helpful.

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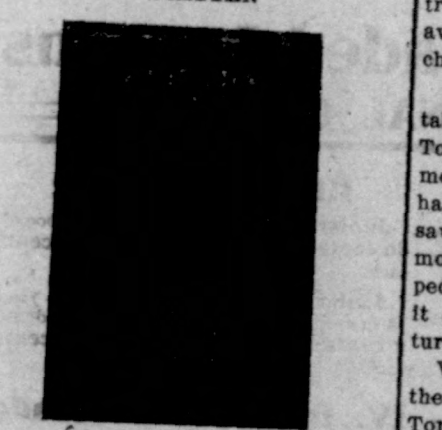
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DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM.

II Sam. 6:12-15; Ps. 24:1-10.

Introduction.

The Ark.—It seems that the ark was a box or chest about four feet long and two and a half feet broad and two and a half feet deep. The purpose of the ark was to hold inviolate the divine autograph of the two tables, that covenant from which it derived its name. In Joshua III and IV, the chief facts of the earlier history of the ark are described, and need not be repeated here. From this period until David's time its abode was frequently shifted. It was in the possession of several families in the borders of villages of eastern Judah. After David had settled himself in the stronghold of Zion his first care was to bring the ark of the testimony from Kirjath-Jearim, where it had been left being restored by the Philistines in the early days of Samuel. But his first attempt to place the ark on Mt. Zion failed through want of due reverence on the part of those who were transporting it. So David carried it into the house of Obed-edom where it remained for three months.

The Lesson Teachings.

A Joyful Spirit.—So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom, with gladness. The service of God should always be performed with a joyful spirit. Here is the great difference that characterizes Christian effort. To attend to the work of God's kingdom in a kind of perfunctory way may discharge the work but it neither gives nor receives any life. Herein lies the difference between a dead church and a live church. So let us impress upon the children that God's service should be entered into with joy and gladness, and then all the promises will come to them. But it must be understood that service can bring joy only to spiritual hearts. It can give pleasure to none who have reason to dread the presence of God. Consciousness of guilt of disobedience restrains the buoyant feelings of joy in service. In its application, the bringing of the ark was the bringing of God into their midst, and to those who delighted in God's service it had a great attraction, and it could give no pleasure to those who were not pure in their thought and conduct. So today there is no sadder experience than to note God's children excusing themselves from service, because there is no joy and gladness connected.

Care in Service.—The first attempt to bring the ark was accompanied with direful results. There were certain instructions as to how it should be handled, but those who had it in charge, neglected these instructions, and received the rewards of disobedience. They had in their process followed the Philistines, who had placed it in a new cart. In God's service, and ceremonies, let us teach the young that "just as good" methods carry with them the spirit of disobedience, and must be avoided. Just

keep in line with God's instructions and no disaster will occur.

The Ark and Obed-edom.—God never leaves Himself without a witness. Obed-edom was not afraid of the ark. Its presence in other places had been the signal for disaster and death. Among the Philistines, and now at Perez-uzzah it had spread death on every side, but Obed-edom suffered no inconvenience, but to the contrary. "The Lord blessed Obed-edom and all his household" (verse 11). Obed-edom must have been a God-fearing man and so "God paid him liberally for his lodging." In this day and time it is not the ark as it then existed that calls for the Christian's guardianship, but in many fold forms the Obed-edom are called on to look after the interest of the kingdom, and blessed is he who heeds the call.

David's Conduct.—For three months David had had his feelings very much dampened, and now after he had decided to follow God's direct instructions, and he saw things going well, he was unable to restrain himself, and at once offered sacrifices. But the king seems to have lost all thought of ceremony, and burst forth into ecstasies of joy, so conducting himself as to appear very ridiculous to the less emotional. We do not always understand how deep are the emotions which stir people, and so we are sometimes disposed to ridicule them. David had had a long hard struggle and suffering, and now he sees his kingdom firmly established and God once more set up as his counsellor in the holy city. No wonder he seems beside himself with ecstasies of joy.

God's Lordship.—It is thought that the occasion of this beautiful Psalm was the bringing in of the ark. Surely the author was in a suitable frame of mind to recognize the lordship of God and to prophesy concerning the triumph of His Son. We ought to teach the young that God has given the earth to men to be used as in trust. We should not think that only the heavens are the Lord's, for the earth is just as much His property as are the heavens. Though He has placed the throne of His glory in the heavens, yet from that throne is ruled all the universe. Not only in the earth, but "they that dwell therein" are just as much His possession. Let us see to it that our pupils get the thought of God's ownership of us all. If He is our owner, then every part of our being is His. Then let us use our tongues as He would like, also every activity of our being.

Citizens of the Kingdom.—People are in the habit of thinking of going to heaven when they die. It is all right to do this, but it is far better to think of the proper way to live. He that lives right will die right. Life is not a problem of dying, but of living. None but the clean and pure shall "ascend into the hill of the Lord." There is no requirement made of a man in the kingdom of God that is not equally required in our civic righteousness on earth. There is no double standard. Only



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the man who lives by the golden rule is capable of discharging his duties in full to his fellow-beings, and surely none but the pure in heart shall see God. The man who believes in the double standard for the sexes is just as unfit to discharge the duties of good citizenship as he is unfit to ascend into the hill of the Lord. The man who "lifts up his soul unto vanity" or who "has sworn deceitfully" is no more fit to discharge the functions of citizenship than he is fit to ascend the hill of the Lord.

A Song of Triumph.—The entrance here so beautifully described, probably refers to the tent which David had had made for it. Or it refers to the temple of Solomon, David looking to the time when his son should build the temple, wrote the dedicatory song. This Psalm is designated the Psalm of the crown, as typifying the triumph of the Master. Whatever be the purpose of its writing, it illustrates a beautiful truth that we should always keep open the portals of our souls for the free admittance of our Lord. At least this is the gospel call that we let Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, come into our souls, for this King of Glory is strong and mighty, and is the Lord of hosts.

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Since canvassing the towns mentioned in my first and only batch of news notes thus far written for the Record, I have visited several other places in the eastern and central parts of the State. The work has been pleasant in more ways than one. With but few exceptions, and they far apart, I have been received cordially by the brethren all along the line. In some towns the pastors have demonstrated their loyalty to the Record by going with me into the homes and places of business of Baptists, and thus rendering very effective aid in securing renewals and new subscriptions.

As I am writing from memory I may fail to mention some of these pastors, and should I do so, let me assure them that the oversight was entirely unintentional. I have before this mentioned incidentally the splendid help given me by Pastors Barksdale, at Tupelo, and Holcomb, at Pontotoc. By invitation of Brother Barksdale, it was my privilege to preach at the 11 o'clock hour, the Sunday I was at Tupelo. I hoped to hear him, but by reason of a kind of Union Sunday School meeting at night, that side-tracked the regular church services, I was robbed of this pleasure.

SPRING SICKNESS COMES TO EVERYONE

Spring sickness comes in some degree to every man, woman and child in our climate. It is that run-down condition of the system that results from impure, impoverished, devitalized blood. It is marked by loss of appetite and that tired feeling, and in many cases by some form of eruption.

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I found Pastor Holcomb and his people rejoicing over the completion and recent dedication of their magnificent and handsomely equipped church building. It is without question one of the neatest and most conveniently arranged church houses I have yet seen in my travels over the State.

At Blue Mountain I was taken in hand and well cared for by that prince among the Baptist preachers of Mississippi, Dr. W. T. Lowrey, who along with other Pauline qualifications of a bishop, is not only "given to hospitality, but knows how to abound in it. The college and academy at Blue Mountain are sustaining their well-merited reputation in the high grade of work they are doing. It being my lot to spend a Sunday there, I heard a good sermon by Pastor Whittle, in the morning, and by his request I preached at night and then witnessed the baptism by the pastor of several candidates, the fruits in part of evangelistic meetings recently conducted by Evangelist T. T. Martin.

It not being convenient for Pastor Whittle to go with me, Brethren W. G. Thompson and J. G. Archer, both ministers residing at Blue Mountain, rendered in turn much appreciated help to the paper man.

Pastor R. S. Gavin, at Corinth, threw himself into the work of continuing the Record in the homes of those already subscribers, and of putting it into other homes. It is comparatively an easy task for the agent to get renewals and subscribers when accompanied by the pastor, and it goes without saying that no other agency accomplishes so much in bringing and keeping a pastor and his people together along the lines of denominational work as the denominational State paper taken and read in the homes of its members. Brother Gavin and his good wife also know how to dispense the hospitality of their home to a visiting brother, and they did handsomely to this writer. Thanks to the brethren for their timely help. More anon.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

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bellies and possibly some others in maintaining the school. Dr. J. W. Gillon, secretary of missions in Tennessee, an exiled Mississippian, asserted his protest against such action. He said: "What we want is co-operation, but it is co-operation among Baptists. I am opposed to any kind of union with any other denomination. I know our missionaries face serious conditions. I know that their children have to be sent across the ocean for training at a time when they most need parental supervision, but we want to preserve our unity, and that clause of the report should be stricken out. We had better maintain our own schools even though poorly equipped than turn our children over to others to teach."

Livingson Johnson, secretary of missions of North Carolina, who has a daughter in Japan, favored the adoption of the recommendation. Secretary T. B. Ray, of the Foreign Mission Board, favored the report. It was referred to a special committee to report at the next convention.

M. C. Treat, of Philadelphia, Pa., proposes to renew his \$6,000 for the support of foreign missions, provided fifteen men can be found who will support fifteen missionaries. These must be in addition to those who did this thing last year. R. E. Burt, of Houston, Texas, at once, said he would support two on this proposition. Others were announced. It was decided that no salaried officer shall be a member of any of our boards.

Six missionaries, who had been selected as missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board, were presented: L. L. Johnson, Texas, to Brazil; Gordon Poteat, South Carolina, to China; F. M. Purser and wife of Kentucky, and W. C. Taylor and wife, who will go to Brazil.

Mrs. Taylor, the mother of W. C. Taylor, was led to the front of the stage and was greeted by the audience, who rose in acknowledgment of her sacrifice and devotion in giving her son to the foreign mission field.

The returned missionaries were introduced, but the time was so limited none of them could be heard from.

Dr. J. L. Gross, of Texas, offered a resolution accepting the offer of the laymen and thanking them for their efforts in relieving the boards of all debt. Several meetings were held to make arrangements to prosecute this work. This action was received with much pleasure and interest by the convention.

Saturday—Morning Session.
The auditorium was well filled at an early hour. The music was led by R. H. Coleman, the convention singing "Down at the Cross," "Oh, How I Love Jesus," "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." Prayer was offered by Dr. I. W. Read, of Leland, Miss.

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The report of the Sunday School Board and the committee on the board elicited much interest. The committees report presented the following:

"First. We remark upon the adult class work. The big classes that have developed in many places are a great opportunity for good, if only they can be held to the simple study of the Bible.

"We fail to see any reason for a big class to take on habits, aims and character different from smaller classes.

"Just because a class grows large in numbers is no occasion for it to forfeit its right to be only a simple opportunity to teach God's Word and make Baptists out of its membership.

"Your committee desires to commit this convention flatly to the fact that a Sunday School in a Baptist church is no less a Baptist Sunday School because it has attained a big attendance, and that an organized adult class in a Baptist Sunday School is a Baptist Sunday School class.

"For these reasons we see no more reason for co-ordinating the teaching functions of our churches with other denominations than we see for co-ordinating the preaching functions of our church.

"Second. We shall hope more and more to see the day approach when our lesson committee shall find itself in a position to furnish us a strictly independent Baptist lesson system for our churches in their great business of teaching New Testament truths.

"Third. We commend our present literature as a constant source of blessing.

"We commend our Bible class quarterly, which is to appear June 1.

"Fourth. We commend the plan of our board to create and circulate literature of distinct Baptist authority as a course of study in our teacher training work.

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report. It speaks of the death of Dr. Geo. A. Lofton and Maj. C. T. Cheek, of Nashville, Tenn. They had been members of the board almost from the beginning of the work of the board. Turning from these sad losses the report turns with gratitude to God in the way He has led us and in the large success which He has given in the several departments of our work.

The total receipts for the year amount to more than \$400,000—\$27,573.04 in excess of the previous year. It is interesting to note the annual receipts, beginning in 1892 and advancing to one hundred thousand dollars in fourteen years and then by greater bounds, reported as follows:

1892	\$ 19,574.83
1904	109,782.76
1909	205,362.17
1912	300,276.51
1915	407,956.37

This advance in cash receipts marks a healthy growth and steady advancement of the business of the board.

The Aggregate of Year's Cash Gifts.	
W. M. U. expense fund.....	\$ 400.00
W. M. U. Woman's Training School	10,000.00
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S. S. Board's field work.....	31,878.43
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\$90,373.15
This represents the cash which the board during the year has contributed out of its business for denominational purposes. Furthermore, it has made its usual gifts in colportage supplies.

Our Bible Fund.

As seen in the foregoing tables, the Sunday School Board has two Bible funds, the one current and the other permanent. The first is supported by such contributions as may be made to the board during the year, whether from church, Sunday Schools or individuals, for the distribution of the Word of God. This should be encouraged more and more, for surely no nobler service can be rendered. To every such contribution the board adds additional sums, so as to increase the general aggregate for this commanding purpose.

The permanent Bible fund is the only such fund Baptists have in their Southern Zion, and has been built up mainly, as often heretofore explained, out of the business earnings of the board. This fund now amounts to \$40,000, is kept well invested and its income is used for sending forth the Word of Life. The board deems it desirable and altogether commendable to build up this fund as its receipts may justify from time to time, and in this, as in all it undertakes, it hopes to have the confidence and approval of the Baptist brotherhood everywhere.

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"Religion of the Lord's Prayer" (E. M. Poteat). Cloth; pp. 100; price, 40 cents.

"Convention System of Teacher Training" (P. E. Burroughs). Cloth; pp. 112; price, 25 cents.

"Training in Baptist Spirit" (I. J. Van Ness). Cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents; pp. 176.

"What is Russellism" (D. W. Key) Tract; pp. 16; price, 15 cents per dozen; 75 cents per hundred.

"Christian Union, Relative to Baptist Churches" (Articles compiled by J. M. Frost). Cloth; pp. 143; price, 50 cents.

"The Organized Class" (John A. Held). Pp. 176; cloth, 50 cents; paper, 25 cents.

Besides these, we have now in press "I and II Timothy and Titus," by Dr. J. P. Greene, President of William Jewell College. No man among us is better equipped than he is for this particular work. He has rendered a great service and his book will be sure to meet with favor.

This is the fourth in our convention series of commentaries, the others being by Dr. J. J. Taylor, on "Mark;" Dr. E. Y. Mullins on "Mark;" Dr. E. Y. Mullins on "Ephesians and Colossians," and Dr. E. C. Dargan on "Romans." Other volumes will follow as the circumstances will make possible. This

perhaps in certain ways is the board's most ambitious undertaking in the making of books.

The book business is difficult on many accounts and in many ways, and yet if it can be made successful it will repay all the cost. There are many things necessary to its success, and we should work steadily toward that end. We are growing a literature right out of the hearts of our people, and there is in it both promise and potency for the future.

Advancement in Teacher Training.

Sunday School education has come to hold a place of commanding importance among the various educational endeavors of our people. Through its department of periodical and book publications your board seeks directly to educate in the things of the kingdom of our Lord as these things are interpreted and most surely believed among us. Through its department of teacher training the board seeks to reach with vital helpfulness the workers who, as officers and teachers in our Sunday Schools, have in their hands the instruction of the multiplied thousands of our growing youth and our mature people as well. Along these two base lines goes our work in Sunday School education. A large share of the profits accruing from the publishing department is turned into the channel of field work and teacher training.

We are pleased to report gratifying growth and enlargement in our teacher training work for the past year. The following tabular statements show the awards bestowed for the past year and set forth a com-

Statement to April 30, 1915:

	Diplomas	Total to Date		Post Graduate Work to Date	
		Red	Blue	Incomplete Diplomas	Complete Diplomas
Alabama	2189	321	165	16	1
Arkansas	654	104	42	3	1
Florida	507	75	30
Georgia	3094	336	187	30	1
Illinois	260	18	11	3	1
Kentucky	4245	773	475	22	5
Louisiana	1441	175	82	7	1
Maryland	115	12	4
Mississippi	2308	290	199	7	...
Missouri	825	136	66	1	...
North Carolina	2942	297	88	2	...
Oklahoma	936	133	74	9	...
South Carolina	1133	94	58	2	...
Tennessee	1607	308	155	31	7
Texas	4644	667	367	27	3
Virginia	1440	211	93	1	...
District of Columbia	62	9	6
Foreign	174	39	34
Total	28576	4004	2086	161	20

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parison of the present status and the status five years ago, and care the efficiency of the particular or local church with its functions and ordinances: (1) Giving New Testament emphasis to its exalted character, mission and purpose; (2) counting it God's plan of service, and God's chosen method for the expression of His kingdom among men, and His appointed instrument for the

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